

REMARKS

Claims 1-7, 10 and 14-21 are pending in the application. Claims 1-7 and 15-18 have been allowed. With this amendment, claims 10, 14, 20 and 21 have been cancelled and new claim 22 has been added to the application.

The 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph rejection of claim 21 has been rendered moot as the claim has been cancelled.

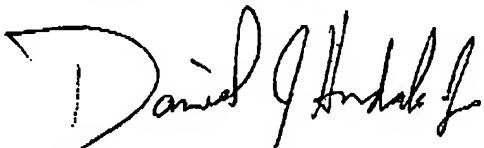
Claims 10, 14, 19, 20 and 21 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Parsen, U. S. Patent No, 3,764,031. The Examiners states that Parsen discloses a trailer as claimed in the rejected claims.

The Parsen reference cannot anticipate the claimed trailer maintenance apparatus combination as claimed in independent claim 19 and new claim 22. In FIGS. 5 and 6 of Parsen, the pivot frame includes a pair of opposed rigid couplings in the form of treaded grooves or tracks 62 which are adapted for engagement with the wheels of the Parsen maintenance apparatus. There is no disclosure in the Parsen reference wherein the maintenance apparatus is provided with outwardly extending axle ends or stub axles of a drive roller or wheel axis which engage with a socket channel or notch of the pivot frame as claimed in independent claims 19 and 22. As independent claims 19 and 22 claim the combination of both the maintenance apparatus and the trailer, patentable weight is to be given to the Applicant's noted claimed limitations regarding the projections of the maintenance apparatus. Thus, the Parsen reference cannot anticipate the invention claimed in independent claims 19 and 22.

The amendments made to the claims have been set forth in order to place the application in condition for allowance, and a notice of such is earnestly solicited. Should the Examiner have any questions or concerns, a telephone call to the undersigned would be greatly appreciated.

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